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SUBJECT: SIT-INS IN EMBASSY MOSCOW

REF: A. STATE 203300; B. MOSCOW 17691 AND PREVIOUS

1. OUR GENERAL GUIDANCE (REF A) SHOULD NOW HAVE RE-ESTABLISHED THE BASIS FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE SIT-INS IN MOSCOW AND ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE. WE BELIEVE THIS GUIDANCE WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE EMBASSY TO DEAL WITH FUTURE CASES BEFORE THE END OF THE RELEVANT WORKING DAY.
2. THE OBVIOUS PROBLEM WE FACE NOW IS HOW MOST EFFECTIVELY TO MANAGE THE PENTACOSTALISTS AND ARMENIANS. WE WOULD LIKE  
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YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY. OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO WE WILL UNDERTAKE A SERIES OF STEPS TO BUILD A FULLER RECORD OF ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE PENTECOSTALISTS AND TO PERSUADE THEM THAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AN OBJECTIVE AND SHOULD LEAVE. OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE WILL BE TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO LEAVE. BUT IF THAT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL A SECONDARY OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO MAXIMIZE ASSURANCES

FROM THE SOVIETS AND TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR RECORD OF HAVING EXHAUSTED THE FEASIBLE MEANS OF HELPING THESE PEOPLE.

3. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION TO THE FOLLOWING STEPS WHICH WE MIGHT PURSUE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

A. ARE THERE CHANGES IN THE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD BE USEFUL? FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE TO MOVE THE PENTACOSTALS AND ARMENIANS OUT OF THE LOBBY AND INTO THE SNACK BAR AREA IN THE COMPOUND?

B. SHOULD WE SEND AN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADER AS EMISSARY TO TALK TO THE PENTACOSTALISTS? WE ARE TRYING TO IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE EMISSARY WHO COULD TALK TO THE PENTACOSTALISTS, THE MFA AND TO OTHER APPROPRIATE SOVIETS. WE HAVE CONSIDERED OLIN ROBISON (HE WOULD ACCEPT BUT ONLY IF YOU AGREE). WE ARE EXAMINING WHETHER AN AMERICAN PENTACOSTALIST WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE UTILITY OF SENDING SUCH AN EMISSARY AND WHO MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR VIEWS ON PUBLICIZING SUCH A VISIT WERE IT TO TAKE PLACE?

C. SHOULD WE TRY TO ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF THE ASSURANCES YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM KORNIYENKO? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GET ANYTHING MORE? IN WRITING? SHOULD WE RAISE THIS AT AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL (WITH GROMYKO)? WOULD SOME SUGGESTION THAT THESE CASES WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FUTURE BE OF ANY HELP? LUERS HAS HAD A DISCUSSION WITH VASEV ALONG THESE LINES WHICH WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY.

D. SHOULD INCREASING PRESSURE ON THE PENTACOSTALISTS AND ARMENIANS CULMINATE IN A FIRM ORDER TO LEAVE OUR PREMISES? IF AN EMISSARY IS SENT, SHOULD THAT VISIT CULMINATE WITH A FIRMER ORDER TO LEAVE U.S. PREMISES? WOULD A HIGH-LEVEL MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON EXPRESSING CONTINUED USG INTEREST IN THEIR SITUATION ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING SIT-INS TO OBEY SUCH AN ORDER?

4. SHOULD THIS SERIES OF EFFORTS NOT RESULT IN PERSUADING THE SIT-INS TO DEPART, WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER MORE RESOLUTE ACTION TO ASSURE THEIR DEPARTURE IN VIEW OF THE IMPACT THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE EMBASSY HAS ON OUR OVERALL POLICY OF TEMPORARY REFUGE AND ASYLUM. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE CONSIDERING WHAT SCENARIO YOU WOULD ENVISAGE TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON THE INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES, ON THE EMBASSY COMMUNITY AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. DOMESTIC RELATIONS OF THE MORE FIRM STEPS TO ASSURE THE DEPARTURE OF THE SIT-INS FROM THE EMBASSY.

5. APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION SOONEST TO THESE SUGGESTIONS.

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